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Applicants: Daniel M. Bartell, et al.

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products for comparing microarray spot
intensities**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

The present amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the pending rejections and reexamination of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.